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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED DECEMBER 15, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 15, 2004 for which the date for response is January 18, 2005, due to January 15, 2005 being a Saturday and Monday, January 17, 2005 being a holiday.

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In response to the communication dated December 15, 2004, Applicants elect Group II, Claims 6 and 15 and elect to pursue SEQ. ID. NO. 2.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at 713-651-5391 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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